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Dear Dan:

This is a proposal for the modification of the ground data reduction equipment to accommodate Ampex Model No. FR-114 tape transports. The initial order of six "G" racks and six "H" racks contained as part of their basic design, Ampex Model No. 300 tape transports. At the time that additional "G" and "H" racks were ordered, Ampex had discontinued the production of Model 300 tape transports and had replaced them with an improved version called Model FR-114 which differs from Model 300 in several electrical and mechanical respects. We inquired whether or not Ampex could make some additional Model 300's for installation into our additional order of "G" and "H" racks and found out that the tooling costs for making this low quantity of additional Model 300's would be more expensive than modifying the racks to accommodate the Model FR-114's. With Jim S's concurrence, we proceeded to modify the racks to accommodate the new tape transports.

The attached cost estimate contains costs for modifying "G" rack, Serial Nos. 107, 108 and 109 to accommodate the new tape transparant for some attendant changes required to the "J" rack. We have included as well, the costs for extensive re-work of "H" rack, Serial No. 107 required to install two Model FR-114 tape transports.

The total estimated cost for the development and installation of the modifications and the difference in total purchase price between the Model 300 and the Model FR-114's is contract funding will be required for this proposal.

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Sincerely,

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: J.L.W. - AGO

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